



PRESS RELEASE

Case# 13-509304

Detectives Arrest Teacher's Aide for Sex Crimes

June 28, 2013--Washington County Detectives are searching for additional sex abuse victims following the arrest of a Hillsboro man. Detectives fear there may be additional victims that have not come forth.



Late at night on June 26, 2013, Sheriff's Deputies received information to lead them to believe that Rafael Abinacer, 41, of Hillsboro had inappropriate sexual contact with a girl less than 14 years of age. This occurred with a known victim in Mr. Abinacer's residence. It was reported he sexually assaulted her on numerous occasions over an extended period of time.

Washington County Child Abuse Detectives began assisting with the investigation. Less than 12 hours after the crimes were reported, the Washington County Criminal Apprehension Team located and arrested Mr. Abinacer outside his residence without incident.

The Child Abuse Detectives learned that Mr. Abinacer was a substitute instructional aide contracted with the Hillsboro School District. He was primarily assisting with the Special Education classes at Lincoln Elementary School in Hillsboro. Mr. Abinacer occasionally assisted in over 10 other schools. He was employed with the school district since March of 2013. Sheriff's Detectives are concerned with Mr. Abinacer's access to children in the schools. There currently are no reports of any other victims from the schools.

Rafael Abinacer is lodged in the Washington County Jail and charged with First Degree Sex Abuse, First Degree Sodomy, and Second Degree Sodomy. He is currently held on \$250,000 bail. There are more charges possible as the investigation continues.

The Washington County Violent Crime Detectives believe there may be additional victims of unreported crimes committed by Mr. Abinacer. Detectives are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 846-2500.